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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/14/2008 has been entered.

Specification

2. The amendment filed 4/14/2008 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: The previous amendment to paragraph [0032] filed 11/9/2007, which included "The vehicle seat 90 includes an internal member 92 extending between a front and a rear of the vehicle seat 90. A front side of the internal member 92 faces substantially in a forward direction, and a rear side of the internal member 92 faces substantially in a rearward direction. Vehicle seat 90 has a seat surface 91, a central portion of which the rider sits upon", and all limitations regarding "central portion" was already declared new matter by the examiner. Instead of deleting the matter from the specification, the applicant proceeded to further add more new matter to the specification by adding reference numbers 92f and 92r to the specification and also arguing that these reference numbers were clearly present in the

drawings as originally filed. However, only the newly filed drawings on 4/14/2008 include the reference numbers 92f and 92r. Therefore, the specification contains even more new matter than before.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the reference numbers 91 and 92 (11/9/2007) and 92f and 92r (4/14/2008) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 20, and 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The independent claims 1, 9, and 17, and claims 22-24 teach at least two tags or multiple tags attached inside the resin member or vehicle seat. The applicant argued that the reference numbers 71a-71f in fig. 3a teaches multiple tags. However, in the **original** specification, paragraphs [0031] and [0032] state that the reference numerals 71a-71f only denote examples of where the tag can be mounted. Nowhere is the specification does it state that there are two or more tags attached inside the front **and** rear of the seat. The specification only states a tag attached inside the front **or** rear of the seat.

Claims 25-27 depend on claims 22-24.

Claim 23 also teaches "...the vehicle seat includes an internal member extending between a front and a rear of the vehicle seat, wherein a front side of the internal member faces substantially in a forward direction, and a rear side of the internal member faces substantially in a rearward direction...". This limitation is nowhere in the specification except for the newly added limitation in paragraph [0032] of the specification, which the examiner previously stated was new matter.

Other than the issues regarding new matter, independent claims 1, 9, and 17 would be allowable as currently written.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 20, and 22-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
7. Applicant's arguments filed 4/14/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the 112 rejections, the applicant argued that the reference numbers 71a-71f in fig. 3a teaches multiple tags. The examiner reiterates that in the **original** specification, paragraphs [0031] and [0032] state that the reference numerals 71a-71f only denote examples of where the tag can be mounted. There is no indication in the specification that these reference numbers denote multiple tags. Nowhere in the specification does it state that there are two or more tags attached inside the front **and**

rear of the seat. The specification only states a tag attached inside the front **or** rear of the seat. Therefore, the examiner still maintains the 112 rejection.

Regarding the specification and drawings, the examiner reiterates that instead of deleting the previously declared new matter from the specification, the applicant proceeded to further add more new matter to the specification by adding reference numbers 92f and 92r to the specification and also arguing that these reference numbers were clearly present in the drawings as originally filed. However, only the newly filed drawings on 4/14/2008 include the reference numbers 92f and 92r. Therefore, the specification contains even more new matter than before.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUGENE YUN whose telephone number is (571)272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner's Name: EUGENE YUN

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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/801,694

Applicant(s)

YAMAGIWA, TOSHIO

Examiner

EUGENE YUN

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 20 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 20 and 22-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2008 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.


Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Index of Claims 	Application/Control No. 10801694	Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination YAMAGIWA, TOSHIO
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